

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14 are pending in this application, with claims 8 and 14 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 9 and 12 were found to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the allowable subject matter, independent claim 8 is amended to include the limitations of claim 9; and claim 12 is rewritten in independent form including the limitations of base claim 8. In view of the above amendments, independent claims 8 and 12 are now allowable.

Dependent claims 10, 11, and 14 are allowable for at least the same reasons as is independent claim 8, as well as for the additional recitations contained therein.

The application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited. If any objections remain, a call to the undersigned is requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,  
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